SHERMAN BLOCK, SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

DETECTIVE DIVISION - HOMICIDE BUREAU

FILE NO. 092-07949-0762-057

CLASSIFICATION:	ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A POLICE OFFICER - 245(3)(c) P.C./GRAND THEFT AUTO - 487 P.C./OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING
VICTIM(S):	#1: WILLARD, DAVID B/34, ET AL.
DEFENDANT:	BRITO, ISMAEL MH/39, (I/C)
DATE/TIME:	11-26-92 (THURSDAY) AT 0150 HOURS
LOCATION:	FOOTHILL BOULEVARD EAST OF HAMPTON ROAD, LA CANADA
OFFICER(S) INVOL	VED: DEPUTY DAVID M. WILLARD MW/ EMPLOYEE
	LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
	DEPUTY WILLIAM BUSS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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INVESTIGATORS:	WACHSMUTH/MORGAN
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REPORT CONTINUATION _ NARRATIVE 720-5970-PHPTO-570 SAW A WHITE NISSAN TRUCK (RHI) PARKED APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN FEET IN FRONT OF A MARKED BASIO CAR (UNIT 76). THE RIGHT REPORTING OF THE NISSAN TRUCK WAS UD ON THE SIDEWALK. APPROXIMPTELY TWO HUNDRED FEET BEHIND (EAST OF) THE RADIO CAR WAS A RED FORD MUSTANG (S/R 2). ALL THREE VEHICLES WERE ALONG. THE CURB ON THE WIB LANG OF FOOTHILL BLVD. AT APPROXIMERELY OISO HOURS, UNITS TI (DEPS. AND CHAVEZ# DOD 71A (DED. VARON PERIVED TO ASSIST IN THIS ? AND FORNEY INCIDENT. BY WE EXIED OUR ISAD OURS WE WERE MOVISED BY DED BUSS THAT HE HAD FOUND AND WAS DETAINING S DRITO IN SOME BUSHES EAST OF THE LOCATION JUST OFF FOOTHILL TSLUD. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF UNIT 71. SIDRITO WAS HAND CUFFED PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF .A. COURTY PARAMEDIC SQUAD 19 ! SEE SUPPLEMENTAL REDURT BY DED. POUSSEAU, SAME FILE NUMBER. SEE DEDVINES STITEMENTS TAGE \$5 TO PIER WE HAD SECURED THE COUNT SCENE ATTER, THE FOLLOWING NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE: CAST. QUINN @ 0215, S.I.B. @ 0216, DUTY CHIDR. SPIERER @ 0217. CMDR PRINTER @ 0217 AND HOMICIDE AT 0218 HRS.

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DED. WILLARD RAN THE LICENSE PLATE VIA THEIR MOT. S.R.C. RETURNED INFURMINTION THAT THIS NISSAN TRUCK WAS A REPORTED STOLEN VEHICLE OUT OF VISALIA, CALIF. BY THEY EXITED THEIR ISADIO CAR TO CHECK OUT THE NISSAN TRUCK, A RED FORD MUSTANG TRAVELING E B.

PASSED BY THE DEPUTIES MADE A U-TURN AND STOMED CAPPROXIMPRELY TEN FEET DIRECTLY BEHIND THE RADIO CAR.

(DRIVER OF RED MUSTANG) GOT OUT OF THE VEHICLE AND APPROACHED THE DEPUTIES. DEP. BUSS HET V/3 IN THE PARER BETWEEN THE PLADIO CAR PAND THE RED MUSTANG AS DED. WILLARD WAS OBSERVING FROM THE SIDEWALK AREA. V3 THAT HE PICKED UD HIS PASSENCES (IDENTIFIED AS SIGNATO) AT THE BALDHS PARKING LOT (JUST WEST OF LOCATION) AND TOOK HIM TO GET GAS FOR 1415 TRUCK.

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STARTED DRIVING IN REVERSE. DED WILLARD, WHO WAS

OPEN DOOR (PRITENCESS) ON HIS RIGHT HIP AREA.

STANDING IN THE GUTTER PIZER, WAS HIT BY THE VEHICLES

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- DEP. WILLARD, FERRUNG FOR 1415 SPIFETY AND MELIEVING SIDENTO'S INTENTION WAS TO USE THE VEHICLE AS A WEAPON, FIRED SEVERAL BOUNDS FROM HIS SCIENICE HANDGUN IN AN PATIENT TO STUP S BRITO.

THE VEHICLE CAME TO A STOP PAPPROXINATELY TWENTY FEET FROM THE THREE VICTIMS. PAT THIS TIME DEP. BUSS, WHO HAS NOW STEPPED INTO THE TRAFFIC LANE TO AVOID THE VEHICLE, HAD MADE EYE CONTACT WITH SIDERTO. OF THE SAME TIME, THE TIRES STARTED SANNING ON THE VEHICLE ... DED. BUSS, NOW BELIEVING THAT SITURITO WAS TRYING TO USE THE VEHICLE AS IN CHA MIH TENNADA NOCADN A FIRED SEVERAM 1200005 AT SIBRUTO IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP HIM.

ALTHOUGH THE VEHICLES TIRES WERE SPINNING AND THE CAR WAS ESSENTIALLY NOT MOVING, DED BUSS COULD NOT TELL IF THE VEHICLE WAS IN REVERSE OR FORWARD.

THE VEHICLE ULTIMATELY TRAVELED IN REVERSE MAKING CONTROT - WITH THE OPEN PASSENGER DOOR AND CURB AS IT TO ITS FINAL RESTING SPOT.

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WHILE DED WILLARD WAS PUTTING OUT AN EMERGENICY
TOPOPOCAST, DED TUSS MOVED TO THE CENTER OF FOOTHILL
THUS AND WALKED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE VEHICLE
USING THE FREEWIRY PILLARS AS COVERS.

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DRIVER'S SIDE AND MOVE TO THE SIDEWALK PAREA. SIBELLAND WENT E/B ON THE SIDEWALK PATENDTING TO ESCAPE

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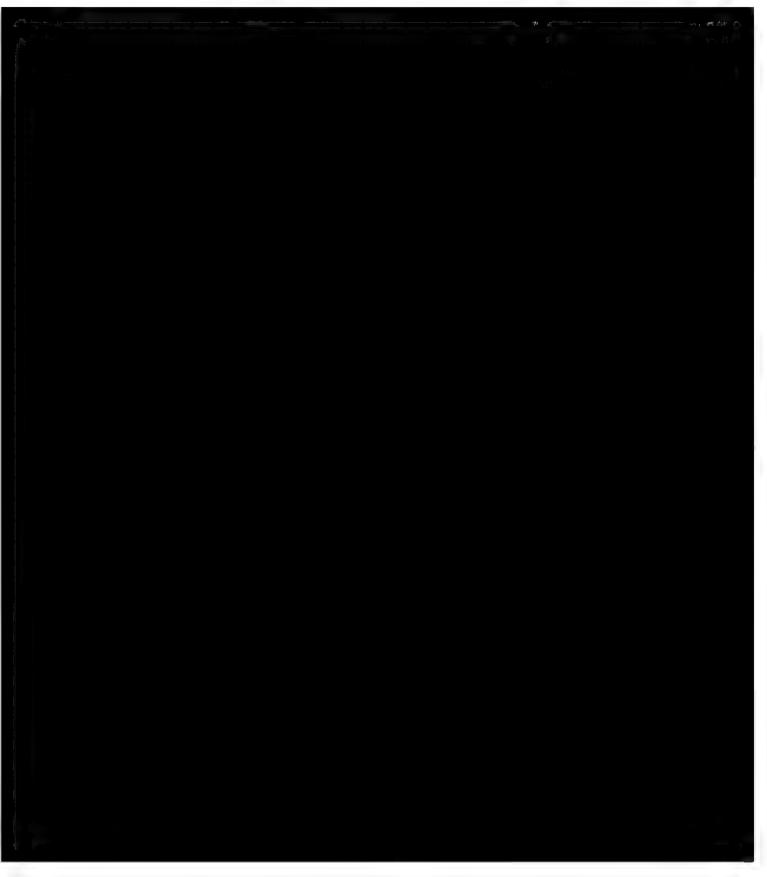
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT HOMICIDE BUREAU

DATE: 12-04-92

FILE: 092-07949-0762-486

C - 487 PC, Grand Theft Auto;
 Officer Involved Shooting

ACTION: ACTIVE/Crime Scene Investigation Made, Evidence held

V - Willard, David (Deputy)
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■ - Foothill Boulavard, between Hampton and Crown, Cresenta Valley

D - 11-26-92, Thursday, 0208 hours

EVIDENCE HELD

Item (1) - (10) Ten expended shell casings stamped - WIN 9MM LUGER

Item (2) - (1) One baseball cap, faded green in color

Item (3) - (1) One mens' sweater, navy blue in color

Item (4) - (1) One 'bola' necktie, black in color with silver color clasp

Item (5) - (1) One mens' shirt, white with thin red stripes

Item (6) ~ (1) One pair of boots, tan in color, brand name Dingo

Item (7) - (1) One zip nylon bag, green color, containing the following:

1-black stocking knit cap

1-pair white Reebock mens' tennis shoes

1-blue baseball cap with Joe Camel logo

1-grey t-shirt with black stripe

1-agua polo knit mens' shirt

1-pair faded blue mens' Levis

1-multi colored fringed blanket

2-screwdrivers, 6 inch

1-wire cutter pliers

■ 1-long screwdriver

1-claw hammer with silver duct tape around handle

Item (8) - (1) One black plastic cap/starter pistol

Item (9) - (1) One empty pint bottle of Hiram Walker peppermint schnapps

Item (10) - (1) One, 1987, white. Nissan, king cab, pickup truck, California license plate (CHP 180 report form for impound included)

Item (11) - (1) One envelope containing one deformed expended bullet and one expended copper bullet jacket.

0245 hours

Investigators Bice and Reyes were detailed to respond to the location to assist investigators Morgan and Wachmuth at the scene of a deputy involved shooting. Investigators arrived at 0420 hours and were assigned to coordinate the investigation at the shooting scene. Deputies Larry Mitchell and Ralph Salazar, assigned to Sheriff's Crime Lab, Crime Scene Investigations, responded and took photographs, video tapes and diagramed the scene as directed by investigators. The diagrams enclude exact measurements of the scene(s), and will be reproduced 'to scale' upon request.

SCENE

The location is on the north curb and the #2 westbound lane, of Foothill Boulevard between Hampton Road and Crown Avenue. The 210 (Foothill) Freeway crosses over Foothill Boulevard at this point.

Foothill Boulevard is a four lane, east/west, roadway between Hampton and Crown. There are two westbound lanes and a left turn lane at the intersection of Hampton and Foothill. Hampton Road is called Geogian Road on the south side of Foothill Boulevard.

There was a white, king cab, Nissan pickup truck, California license plate parked at the north curb of Foothill Boulevard facing west. The right rear tire of the pickup was on the curb.

There was a Cresenta Valley Sheriff's black and white radio car, #34412, California licence plate #(E)356468 parked, facing west, at the north curb behind (east of) the pickup truck.

A red, Ford Mustang, California license plate was also parked along the north curb of Foothill Boulevard, facing west, some distance behind (east of) the above mentioned Sheriff's patrol car.

Investigators recovered ten, 9mm shell casings, (evidence held item #1), from the north side walk and the westbound lanes of Foothill Boulevard just east of the radio car. A faded green baseball cap, (evidence held item #2), was recovered on the north sidewalk east of the Ford Mustang. A navy blue, mens' sweater, (evidence held item #3) and a black bolo necktie, (evidence held item #4) were recovered from the north sidewalk

and the #2 westbound lane east of the baseball cap.

There was an east/west sidewalk on the north side of the north curb of Foothill Boulevard, which is bordered on the north by a chainlink fence that is approximately 7 feet tall. This fence begins at the corner of Hampton and culminates at a business driveway located approximately 480 feet east. A white mens' shirt with thin red stripes that had blood on it, (evidence held item #5), and a pair of mens' cowboy boots, (evidence held item #6), were recovered in the area of this driveway. A tall wrought iron fence and gate enclose this driveway and connect to the earlier mentioned chain link fence.

Upon closer examination of the white Nissan pickup truck, investigators discovered the doors were closed but not locked. The left rear cab window was shattered, the rubber window molding was removed and thrown into the truck bed. The rear window was open approximately 2 inches. The plastic steering column ignition casing was broken and the ignition was hot wired. There was a long screwdriver, a claw hammer with silver duct tape wrapped around the handle (see * evidence held item #7), and a pint bottle of schnapps, (evidence held item #9), stuck in the center console area between the seats. There was a nylon zip bag containing misc clothing and additional tools, (evidence held item #7), on the passenger side floorboard and a black plastic cap pistol and a black stocking knit cap, (evidence held items #8 and *#7), recovered from the floor area on the left side of the passengers seat.

The cap pistol, (evidence held item #8), and the schnapps bottle, (evidence held item #9), were transported to Sheriff's Crime Lab to be examined for fingerprints.

Personal items belonging to Richard Marlin, the registered owner of the pickup truck, were removed from the glove compartment by investigators and mailed to him, per his request. While talking to Mr. Marlin via telephone he said none of the items recovered as evidence from the pickup truck belonged to him.

This vehicle was impounded, (evidence held #10), and held for prints. Deputy and latent print examiner and photographer Larry Mitchell responded to the storage yard on Monday 11-30-92, processed the vehicle for prints and authorized it for release per investigators.

Investigators noted the Sheriff's radio car was parked in a position slightly off center to the left rear of the pickup. The rear amber light bar was on, the front spots were positioned in the direction of the pickup truck. The drivers window as down and the left passenger door was open.

Closer examination of the red Ford Mustang license revealed numerous bullet holes. The vehicle is described as a 1967, two door fastback, Ford Mustang. The drivers side window was rolled completely down and the door was closed. The passengers window was rolled halfway



down and the passenger door was opened all the way and was sprung. The keys were in the ignition and in the "on" position. The vehicles automatic transmission lever, located on center console, was in drive. There was shattered glass on the right front passenger seat, which came from the windshield. There are two black vinyl bucket seats in the front compartment, with a black vinyl fold down bench seat in the rear passenger compartment, and black carpeting throughout the vehicle. There was a red plastic gasoline can on the right front passenger floor board, full of gasoline. There was a large black duffle bag with the witnesses clothing on the back seat. There were miscellaneous tools on the rear floor board of the vehicle, along with miscellaneous change and cassette tapes strewn about the car.

The exterior of the vehicle is described as follows:

One bullet strike mark, front to rear, on left rear quarter panel and centered above the left rear tire.

One bullet strike mark on the front lower portion of the drivers' door.

The drivers' door is sprung, left fender is dented, and the paint is chipped where the door and fender meet.

One bullet hole on the side of the left fender, above and to the rear of the left front tire.

One strike mark on the top of the left fender with a large portion

of the paint chipped out, located forward of the left tire.

Two bullet holes in the drivers' side of the windshield. One bullet hole is located in the lower left side, in which the bullet traveled through the left side of the dash board, through the left rear panel, and lodging within the trunk panel. The second bullet hole was located slightly above and to the left of the first bullet hole.

One bullet hole at the rear of the right front fender, just below the windshield. This bullet caused a large paint chip on the rear side of

the fender.

One bullet strike on the right side of the cowling panel, (not part of the hood), near the right rear side of the hood. This bullet strike caused the metal to tear, ricochet, then bounce on the windshield two times, which caused two additional strike marks on the windshield above the right windshield blade.

One bullet strike on the right windshield blade, which caused the bullet to deflect and travel through the windshield, dashboard, and finally lodge in the right rear speaker that was mounted on right rear inner panel, above the back seat. Evidence item #11, expended copper bullet jacket, was removed from this speaker by investigators.

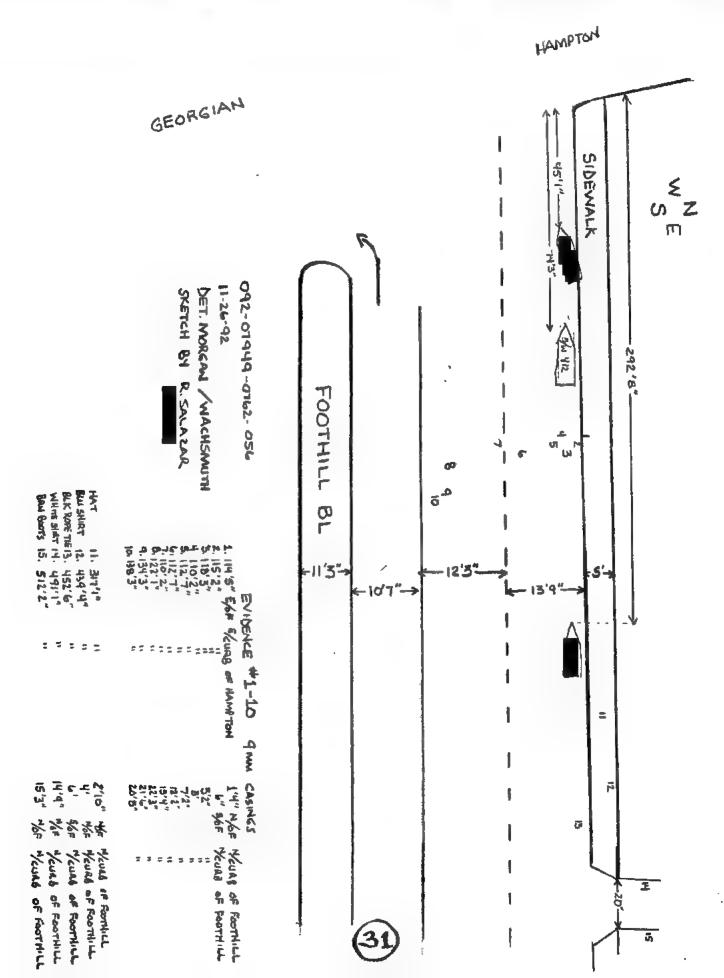
One bullet hole on the right side of the windshield near the windshield post. This bullet traveled through the windshield, entered the right rear deck panel, and came to rest in the trunk. This deformed bullet, evidence item #11, was recovered from inside the trunk by investigators.

This case is to remain active further reports to follow.

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3 STATEMENT OF

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SGT. MORGAN: Today's date is November 26th, 1992, the time is 0500 hours, speaking is Investigator Patrick Morgan, accompanied by Detective Sergeant Robert Wachsmuth. We are presently in the conference room at Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, uhm, interviewing Witness

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- started regarding what transpired tonight when some deputies
 were involved in a shooting. I like you to go back from the
 very beginning of uhm, -- the events that lead up to the shooting taking place, and -- I like you to just go ahead and give
 us a narrative as to what happened.
- A Starting from the time I got off the freeway. You know, I filled up my gas tank and all that.
- Q You can -- you can describe that briefly --
- 25 A Okay.
- Q -- but mostly the contact you had with this in-

Okay. Well, I -- I pulled into the -- I pulled into A Ralphs, I got out, I was gonna get my parents Thanksgiving gift, they were close. I came back to my car. Uhm, a Hispanic gentleman came up to me, probably in his 30's. Uhm, he asked me to, yeah, give him a lift to, because he ran out of gas. Uhm, he offered me \$10.00 to take him to a gas station. you know, I was gonna help him, out, I said, "yes." So, he got into the car, threw the \$10.00 down on my center console. Uhm, we proceeded down Foothill, first went to a 76 Station, talked to a Black gentlemen, told us that he didn't have a gas can, we went across the street to the shell station, which the guy notified that he needed a deposit, he didn't have any -the Hispanic guy didn't have any identification or any money to give him. Uhm, so I put down my Shell Credit card, as a collateral, since I was going back that way, I'd drop off the gas cap. So, he proceeded to fill up the gas can, on -- up #2, on \$3.80, three dollars and .80 cents of gas, in the -- uhm, in the pump. I paid for it -- with - with the \$10.00 that he gave Uhm, we got back in the car. I turned right onto -- on Angeles Crest, got on the freeway. Uhm, he said that he - his car was by Gold -- which wasn't true, but we -- we exited Gold, uhm, went to a stop light, near Ralphs' we saw a police car go down Foothill Boulevard. I was in a stop light. When the stop light turned green, I turned left. Uhm, I saw the cop car behind the white truck that he identified as his. Uhm, the Mexican guy got really, you know, nervous and -- and he saying to keep driving, "don't go -- don't go there." Uhm -- I thought peculiar, you know, I -- I questioned him "Why?" He

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said that he was drunk. He has been -- he has been drinking 1 and he didn't have any registration, he was gonna get in 2 trouble. Uhm -- being, uhm, yeah, and I didn't want to get in 3 trouble, I pulled up behind the uhm, the cop car. I left my -my car running unfortunately. I got out of the car to explain 5 to the officer that I -- helped this guy get some gas. Uhm, he 7 told me to put my hands up. Uhm, did a minor search, told me to stand behind them. Uhm, one officer, the dark haired went 8 to the passenger side and told me to get out of the car. 9 he opened up the door at this time, he had his weapon out. 10 Uhm, --11

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A That's right. Uhm, he told me to get out of the car.

He wouldn't get out of the car. The cop opened the door. Uhm

Q The passenger door?

A The passenger door. Uhm, the other cop went to the driver side and was telling him to get out of the car. Uhm -- I was standing in front of the Mustang, and in back of the police car. Uhm - the Mexican guy got into my -- he, crossed over the console and got into the driver seat. He was fooling around with the - the shifter level, lever --

Q What were the deputies doing?

A They're screaming, "Get out of the car, freeze."

Uhm, they old him not to move, they told him to get out of the car. He didn't get out of the car. Uhm -- he put -- he put the -- the shifter on drive. The car went forward about a foot. Then he put it in neutral, then he put it reverse. And



1 slammed on the gas and went --he went backwards. At that time,

2 uhm, the officers fired shots. And I think it was four shots,

maybe it was three, but I think it was four. Uhm, three shots

4 were fired by the officer on the passenger side and one shot

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A Uhm, he was -- he was in the car.

Q Could you see him?

12 A No, I couldn't see him.

13 Q Uhm, and you were -- you were -- where were you,

14 right in front?

My face, that's probably why I couldn't see. Uhm. he got out of the car and started running. Uhm, the officer on the left stayed with the car and radioed for backup. Uhm, the other guy, the other officer that was on the driver side ran out of the street, in the middle of the street chasing the - the Mexican guy. Uhm -- the uhm, - the officer on the passenger

side told me to get behind, you know, stationary objects like I

can get shot. And they -- they asked me if -- if he had a

24 weapon, I said, "it didn't appear he had a weapon." Uhm,

25 that's basically the story.

26 Q Did you see the deputies apprehend him and -- and ar-

27 rest him?

28 A No. I -- I hear -- well, I heard that, yeah.

- 1 Q No, I don't want you to tell me what you heard, just
- 2 what you saw.
- 3 A No, I didn't I didn't see anything like that.
- 4 Q Alright, very good. That will conclude the interview
- of Witness Edward Ending time is 0510 hours.
- 6 END OF RECORDING

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3 STATEMENT OF DEPUTY WILLIAM BUSS

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10 MORGAN: Today's date is 11-26-92, Thursday. The time is 11 0608 hours. The file number is 092-20794-0762-057, a deputy 12 involved shooting. Speaking is Investigators Patrick Morgan, 13 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau, companied by Detective Sergeant Robert Wachsmuth. We are 14 15 currently in the conference room at Crescenta Valley Sheriff's 16 Station interviewing Deputy William Buss, who was involved in a deputy involved shooting, earlier this morning. Deputy Buss, I 17 18 like you to just give us a narrative as to what transpired earlier this evening that lead up to you being involved in the 7.5 20 shooting.

A We were westbound on Foothill Boulevard, when we saw a white, I believe it was a Toyota pickup.

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A I was with Deputy Willard. I was driving the patrol unit to this night. And we saw a -- the Toyota pickup parked on the right hand curb and the right rear wheel was on top of the curb. We past this truck once earlier, and uhm, but instead we went after a carload of juveniles that was parked right behind

1 Uhm, we determined that they were not up to any criminal 2 They had just stopped there in the overpass to talk 3 to so some people on the other car. We went back and checked that car out. Again, we were westbound Boulevard. We had 4 5 to make a U-turn around an island to get around to behind the pickup truck. Deputy Willard ran the plate on the MDT. 6 7 SRC came back with wanting to know our 10-20, and our status, rea, 10-29 Victor, we reported 9-17 A only. We then got out of 8 9 the -- out of our patrol unit to walk up to the pick up truck to check it more thoroughly. As I walked up, I saw a gas cap 10 in the bed of the truck. I also saw that the left window as 11 12 the king cab, left window behind the driver's door was broken 13 out. There was no broken glass on the ground. I checked be-14 hind the seats, there was no one there. I checked the front 15 And there was no one in there. I then looked and saw 16 that the radio was still in the car. Then, I noticed the CB 17 was in the car also, was in -- was in the truck. thought that that was odd. I also saw an alcohol bottle 18 19 stuffed between the two front seats and something sticking up 20 with mas -- duct tape on it, like it would have been a jail 21 shank. Something to this nature. Then, turned around and 22 Deputy Willard and I were talking about what we were seeing 23 from the different sides of the truck. I then --24 W Deputy Buss when you approached this car, did you 25

have your firearm drawn?

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Yes, I did. I had my weapon out, my flashlight in my left hand. I then, as we were talking I saw another set of headlights behind our patrol unit. At first I thought it might

be another patrol unit, just checking on us to see what we were I then saw it was red colored car. And -- 'cause doing. routinely happens, specially on long weekends, in this part of Foothill Boulevard, near the freeway, people stop behind us when we are making traffic stops to ask for directions. I just in the midst of my mind that that's what they were doing. is just somebody gonna ask for directions. We couldn't see very well do to the illumination from our patrol unit. So, we walked back. I'm on the street side of the patrol unit. just as I get past the spotlight in the patrol unit I see that a male White, wearing a white sweatshirt, had gotten out of this red car and he is starting to walk forward to us. And -he starts to walk up to the sidewalk, to walk toward Deputy Willard. And he just said that he had picked up this guy and his truck has just ran out of gas and he was just bringing it back. He was still trying to walk toward Deputy Willard and I to see that there was a male Hispanic sitting on the passenger side of the red car. So, I tried to get the male White step over toward me. I called, you know, I just told him, "Come on over here, let's talk to me. Come on over here." And I then had him put out his cigarette. I told him to throw his cigarette down, turned around, put his hands behind his I then holstered my weapon, and when I got his hands behind his back, I grabbed his fingers with my left hand. I transferred my flashlight to my right hand, I grabbed his fingers with my left hand, I then put my flashlight in my right zap pocket and was starting to pat him down. And I looked to my right and toward the car and I saw the male Hispanic he is

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now behind the driver's wheel, the driving wheel of the car. I also noticed that Deputy Willard was standing in, or right behind the open door on the right hand side of the right car.

Q That would the passenger side?

5 A The passenger side. He was talking to the in-6 dividual. The car then started moving forward.

Q Could you hear what Deputy Willard was saying?

A He was trying to get him to get out of the car, to get out of the car, come on over here. And -- That's all I call really understand at this point. I was trying to talk to the individual in the white sweat shirt. The car then started to come forward. At this point, I realized it was going to trap me between the red car and the patrol unit.

Q How far was the right car from the patrol unit?

A 10 feet, 15 at the most.

Q I let go of the person wearing the white sweatshirt and moved to my right back out toward the center of the street again to get out of the way of this car. I got somehow around the side of the car on the driver side of the car. I think I grabbed the door handle with my left hand. I had my weapon in my right hand and I don't realize how I got it into my hand. I — I know I put it in the holster and I snapped the strap over it, it's back in my hand. I think I pointed it right at the individual, the male Hispanic he's in the driver seat. I pointed it at his face and I told him, "Get out of the car." At this point I thought about opening the car door and try to pull him out, but I didn't want to get behind the door like that, so, I never opened the door. The — he then started to

1 move the car backwards. About this time, I heard Deputy

2 Willard, or someone starting to open fire. I don't know what's

3 going on, where Willard is, or the individual with the white

sweat shirt. I didn't see them at this point. My eyes were

focused on the car. He -- he went backwards, maybe 20 feet.

Q Was he burning rubber when he did this?

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7 The car rolled slowly. A little bit too fast 8 for anybody to keep up with, but it was going backwards. He --9 the car then stopped, and it's pointed right at me, it is 10 swerved a little bit toward the -- the rear end toward the 11 curb, as it went backward. And I was looking at this male 12 Hispanic. He and I were looking eye ball to eye ball, and 13 it's, like what, 20 feet, I felt like 10 yards, there about. I 14 then heard rubber burning and he is looking right at me. And I 15 -- I was standing in the road. There was no where else for 16 him to go. I thought he was going to take that car and mow me down. I thought he was gonna run me right over. 17 Uhm. 18 Beretta then came up and I fired three to four rounds, I 19 thought at the time. Uhm, I saw the windshield in front of his 20 face brake. I then realized that the car was going backwards. I, uhm, I then ran to the center island and -- saw the car was 21 22 still moving backwards and ran along the center island. I was 23 on the island, I ran eastbound there on the center island.

SGT. WACHSMUTH: Well, why -- why did you run along the center island.

A As far as I was concerned he -- he was a fugitive and he was trying to get away.

Q Was there anything of protection there at the center
island?

A There were the pillars. I was on the north side of the pillars, but uhm, there were close enough, but I felt like I could run around and get behind one of them. Uhm, I wanted to keep the car inside the best I could at this point.

Q Those are the freeway overpass pillars?

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The car then hit the curb, or stopped, the driver got A started running eastbound on Foothill Boulevard. and got up on the sidewalk down the north side and I was trying to keep up with him, and I was standing in the -- on the center medium, 'cause I didn't know if he had a weapon at this point He took off a jacket he had and threw it on the And he is running along a wrought iron fence, along the south side of the -- Flentridge preparatory school. runs along and then he takes his shirt off, and all I could think at that point was that he was trying to loose his clothing, so he could try to run and hide in the residential area. So, I was just trying to keep an eye on him. Deputy Willard had already put out a 10-33. We had units rolling to our loca-He then ran toward the portion of the wrought iron fence and ran behind the bushes, about 4 feet high, and his arms went up to reach for the top of the fence, but he didn't go up, he went down instead to the ground behind this bush. I continued eastbound to where I could see him around the east side of that bush, and he was laying on the ground and his hands were

- front of him. And so, I then, left the center medium and
- 2 crossed over toward him. I covered him, and I heard Willard
- 3 put out on the radio that he had a suspect detained in the car.
- 4 I thought he still had another person in the car. So, all I
- 5 put out at that time was I needed 902R, suspect down. Uhm, the
- 6 first unit that arrived, went and assisted Willard in clearing
- 7 the car. And uhm, and then they came on over to me and I was
- 8 standing maybe 5 to 6 feet away from this individual I could
- 9 see that he was bleeding from his right lower back side area.
- 10 And -- they came and hooked him up. I then holstered my
- weapon. And walked back toward the patrol.
- 12 SGT. MORGAN: I have a question that I want to ask. When
- you fired the three shots at the car, had Deputy Willard al-
- 14 ready fired?
- 15 A Yes. He had already --
- 16 Q Or was it simultaneous?
- 17 A No, he had already been firing.
- 18 Q He had been firing? Had he finished?
- 19 A Not to my knowledge.
- 20 Q So, your three rounds were fired as he was still
- 21 shooting, but it was towards the end of him shooting?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Alright, and the car was moving was stationary when
- you fired, when you thought it was coming forward, but it ac-
- 25 tually going backward?
- 26 A It was stationary, yes.
- 27 Q It was stationary, when you fired.

- 1 A I -- was just looking over the top of my weapon to
- 2 make sure, to see if it was stopped, and then I noticed it was
- 3 going backwards.
- 4 Q Alright.
- 5 SGT. WACHSMUTH: Just had -- just had commenced to go
- 6 backwards.
- 7 A As I -- I believed it had just commenced to go back-
- 8 wards, as my third round went off. My last round, third or
- 9 fourth.
- 10 SGT. MORGAN: Very good, that will conclude the interview.
- 11 The time is 6:23 hours.
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Today's date is November the 26th, 1992, SGT. MORGAN: 10 Thursday. The time is 0525 hours, file number 092-20794-0762-11 deputy involved shooting, speaking is Investigators 12 Patrick Morgan, L.A. County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau, accom-13 by Detective Sergeant Robert Wachsmuth. We are 14 panied currently in the conference room at Crescenta Valley Station, 15 interviewing, Deputy David Willard, who was involved in a 16 deputy involved shooting. 17

18 Q David, I like you in your own words, to tell us what

19 happened earlier this evening. What lead up to you being in
20 volved in the shooting.

A Alright. Deputy Buss and I were traveling westbound on Foothill Boulevard, approaching Hampton. We saw a Taxi, and another compact car, both loaded down with kids. And the pickup truck, uhm, with one wheel parked up on the curb. Uhm, both vehicles pulled away from the truck. Uhm, we elected to fallow the small compact, we followed it to the Ralph's Shopping Center at the corner of the Foothill -- Foothill and



Gold we made contact with them, we found out they were just local kids, who knew some of the kids in the taxi cab. They were just talking happened to pick that intersection. Uhm, so, uhm, we released them, decided to go back to the pickup and uhm, ran the license plate. We pulled in behind it facing westbound on Foothill, ran the plate and we were advised by SRC that it was stolen vehicle.

Q About what time was this David?

A The best I can recollect is uhm, between 1:;30 and 1:45, somewhere in that time frame.

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Α Came back stolen. We both got out of our patrol vehicle. Deputy Buss being the driver. He approached the truck on the driver side, I approached on the passenger side. We wanted to make sure that nobody was hiding in the truck or -- or -- asleep in the truck or anything. We got up there, we found that it was a broken window I believe. The ignition had been punched, but we're talking back and forth, because what we thought was kind of unusual was the cellular phone, the radio and there was a CB were all still inside the truck. We thought that was kinda of unusual for a stolen. Uhm, while we were looking inside, a red Mustang came eastbound on Foothill, made a U-turn around the island and pulled in directly behind our patrol car. Uhm, -- Buss and I talked about that a little bit. We thought, you know, what are this guys doing. We need to go back and contact them right away. So, uhm, Deputy Buss still on the driver side of the -- or actually out on the street, approached the driver side of the Mustang. I walked up the

sidewalk and approached the passenger side. As we approached the driver of the Mustang, got out of the car, uhm, Deputy Buss and I still had our weapons drawn, from searching the vehicle. I went up to the passenger side. As I did that the passenger door also came open. I -- uhm, moved forward, told the passenger to stay on the car. While Deputy Buss contacted the driver and asked him what he was doing. I couldn't hear all of their conversation, exactly what was going on, but I did hear the driver say that he had given the passenger in his vehicle, a ride to a gas station to get gas, because his truck had ran out of gas. I immediately felt that the passenger inside the Mustang must have been the suspect in the stolen vehicle. ordered him to put his hands on the dashboard of the Mustang and he didn't comply. I ordered him a second time, he still didn't comply, and at that time, my attention was diverted to Deputy Buss and the driver of the Mustang, who were now positioned uhm, between our patrol vehicle and the Mustang still standing in the -- on the street. Uhm, the driver of the Mustang was being a little argumentative with Buss, apparently he didn't know what exactly what was going on here. didn't understand he was being treated the way he was. sooner did I divert my attention there. The passenger -- the passenger in the Mustang, uhm, started jumping into the driver seat and at the same time pulled the gear shift lever into "drive" the Mustang started moving forward. Uhm -- I'm not sure what happened to Deputy Buss. I think he got out of the way. The -- the driver of the Mustang, the original driver, uhm, put his hands down, because the vehicle was coming right at him and

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- about to pin him between our vehicle and the Mustang. 1 put his hands on the hood and began to push on the car. Uhm, -2 - I was yelling at the person that was still inside the 3 Mustang, to stop the vehicle, 'cause I thought, you know, he is 4 gonna crush' the guy between the two vehicles. Uhm, he didn't 5 do that, he reached down at the lever again shifted it into 6 reverse and the car started coming back at me. The door hit 7 me, I started to loose my balance, that's when I fired my first 8
- 2 Where were struck, what part of your body?
- 11 A I -- it's my hip area, I think was hit by the door.
- 12 Q That would be your right hip?
- 13 A Right hip.

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- 14 Q So you were inside the door, itself, were you on the street?
- A Actually I had uhm, I think it was at that time one foot on the curb and one foot in the gutter area.
- **18** Q Okay.
- 19 A Uhm, I stayed in the doorway, even as it was moving 20 forward, 'cause I was yelling at the person inside the car to 21 stop the vehicle and -- and --
- 22 Q And while you're doing this, do you have your gun 23 pointed at him?
- 24 A Yes, I did.
- 25 Q And you're commanding him to stop and he is ignoring 26 you completely?
- 27 A Yes.

2 When I told him to uhm, put his hands on the dash and -- and the whole bed, my gun was out and was pointed at him immediately, uhm, -- as soon as I realized that when the original driver of the Mustang had said that -- he was taking this guy to get gas, because his truck had run out, I figured he was the suspect in the -- in the GTA.

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A Okay. So, the car started coming back towards me, hit me, I lost my balance and that's when I fired my first round at him. Uhm, I was able to get out of the way of the door, just prior to him, apparently jamming the accelerator, the rear wheels started to skid the car going into reverse and I continued to fire.

- Q How shots did you fire?
- 16 A I believe six or seven.
- 2 And did your partner discharge as well?
- 18 A Yes, he did. He fired uhm, I -- I don't know how

 19 many times he fired, two or three times I think.
- Q And as -- the Mustang with the suspect behind the wheel now is backing away, uhm, what were you thinking, what was going in your mind?
- A At that time, uhm, I didn't know, you know, if I

 had no idea if he had a weapon or he didn't have a weapon or -
 or what was going on. I was still getting out of the way. I
 I was firing rounds. I don't know I thought he was just

 going backwards. As soon as the car came to a stop, I -- I

 stopped firing. I thought we had hit him. Uhm, I wasn't sure

of that. At that time Deputy Buss was running eastbound on Foothill in the center medium using the pillars from the freeway overpass as covered, and got around to the rear of the vehicle. And -- that's when I got on the radio and put out the 1033 and then I realized that I didn't have any cove and I went out to the center medium and got back the pillar myself.

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noticed the original driver who pretty much figured, or at least I did at that time figured that he wasn't involved and -- and didn't know what was going on, was running around, you know, worried about his car. He kept talking about his car and stuff, and he was out running around. And I was trying to get him to get out of the way to find some place to I was, you know, telling him, you know, "Get behind the truck, or - or get behind someplace." Uhm, all he was kept doing was talking about his vehicle and things like that and was still out in the open. So, uhm, while my attention was diverted to him, uhm, I didn't know it, but the suspect had gotten out of the car and taken off running and Deputy Buss uhm, stopped him in some bushes and uhm, other units started to arrive. I positioned him around the Mustang, not knowing that the guy gotten out yet. We went out and cleared the Mustang, he wasn't there. Uhm, we put out on the radio that uhm, he was still outstanding and starting to coordinate units, and that's when Deputy Buss advised us that he have him -- had him detained.

- 2 When the vehicle -- when the red Mustang had stopped
 2 and the suspect was in it, and you and Buss were approaching
 3 it, where did you positioned yourself?
- A I uhm, approached from the passenger side, the door flung open.
- Q I know uhm, -- I mean -- after, after the incident
 and the vehicle came to a stop after he backed it up.
- A Oh, after he backed it up? I was still standing standing, basically in the -- uhm, street next to the curb.
- Q And you ran up to the back of the truck?
- A I ran to the center medium of Foothill Boulevard and got behind the pillar, the most -- the westernmost pillar, to use as cover.
- Q And you used cover, because you feared that the suspect maybe armed?
- A Yeah. I thought he might be armed and I thought at the time he was still in the vehicle. I found out later on that he had exited and taken off running. And my attention was diverted to uhm, trying to get this citizen to get in under cover.
- 21 SGT. WACHSMUTH: And where was Deputy Buss?
- 22 A Deputy Buss, uhm, had made his way up, down the same center medium, but to the rear of the red Mustang, so east of it.
- 25 Q Was he behind the pillar also?
- 26 A Yes.
- 27 Q Thank you.

- 1 SGT. MORGAN: After you had been struck by the car and the
 2 suspect started backing away. Why did you continue to fire, if
 3 he was backing away from --
- A Uhm, my thought at the time was, I had no idea if -
 if he had a weapon in the car or not. I didn't know if he was
- 6 gonna come out shooting, because we were shooting at him. So,
- 7 I just continued to fire. And once the vehicle came to a stop.
- 8 I -- I didn't see any movement. I had the headlights shining
- 9 in my face from the Mustang. I didn't see any movement, I was
- assuming that we may have hit him or whatever, I -- I seized to
- fire at that time and then I realized I was out in the open and
- 12 went for cover.
- 13 Q Were you on the sidewalk most of that time then, when
- when he was backing up?
- 15 A Yes. Right the sidewalk right on the curb area,
- 16 right --right there.
- Q And was your partner, Deputy Buss in the street?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q So, if the suspect would have tried to leave going
- 20 westbound would Deputy Buss have been in danger?
- 21 A Yes, he would.
- 22 Q I have nothing further, Sergeant Wachsmuth?
- 23 SGT. WACHSMUTH: No.
- 24 A That would conclude the tape recorded interview at
- 25 0539 hours.
- 26 END OF RECORDING.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF GLENDALE JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff

Case No. GA013536

ν.

FELONY COMPLAINT

01 ISMAEL BRITO, aka MIKE BRITO

Defendant(s)

The undersigned is informed and believes that:

COUNT 1

On or about November 25, 1992, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of GRAND THEFT VEHICLE, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487h(a), a Felony, was committed by ISMAEL BRITO, who did willfully and unlawfully steal and take a 1987 Nissan pick-up Lic. The then and there the property of

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COUNT 2

On or about November 26, 1992, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of GRAND THEFT VEHICLE, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487h(a), a Felony, was committed by ISMAEL BRITO, who did willfully and unlawfully steal and take a 1967 Mustang Lic. The then and there the property of

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COUNT 3

On or about November 26, 1992, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of BATTERY UPON AN OFFICER AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 243(b), a Misdemeanor, was committed by ISMAEL BRITO, who did willfully and unlawfully use force and violence upon the person of D. Willard when said defendant(s), ISMAEL BRITO, knew and reasonably should have known that said person was peace officer then and there engaged in the performance of his/her duties.

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER GAO13536, CONSISTS OF 3 COUNT(S).

Executed at Glendale, County of Los Angeles, on November 30, 1992.

ROBERT WACHSMUTH

DECLARANT AND COMPLAINANT

IRA REINER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY:

WRENCE FX MCGRAI

DEPUTY

AGENCY: LASD L.A. HOMI DR NO: 092-07949-0762-057

I/O: WACHSMUTH

ID NO:

PHONE NO:

OPERATOR: OG PRELIM.TIME EST.:

DEFENDANT BRITO, ISMAEL

DOB

BOOKING NO. 11/15/53 3323385

BAIL RECOM'D \$ 20,000 11/30/92

CUSTODY R'TN DATE

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1054.5(b), the People are hereby informally requesting that defense counsel provide discovery to the People as required by Penal Code Section 1054.3.

FELONY COMPLAINT - ORDER HOLDING TO ANSWER - P.C. SECTION 872

It appearing to me from the evidence presented that the following offense(s) has/have been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe that the following defendant(s) guilty thereof, to wit:

ISMAEL BRITO

(Strike out or add as applicable)

Count		Charge	Special	Alleg.
No.	Charge	Range	Allegation	Effect
1.	PC487h(a)	2-3-4		
2	PC487h(a)	2-3-4		
3	PC243(b)	CHECK CODE		
I order that the sum of:	defendant(s) be	held to answer th	nerefor and be admi	tted to bail in
ISMAEL BRIT	ro			Dollars
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ISMAEL BRI	го	_		in Dept:
At:	A.M.			
Date:		C	ommitting Magistrat	· •
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

	DATE DECEMBER 29, 1992	FILE	NO	092-07949-0762-057	
c-	ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON	ON A Actio	n Take	n ACTIVE/ADDITIONAL	
	PEACE OFFICER - 245(3)(c) P.C.			INFORMATION/ADDI-	4-4-
	GRAND THEFT AUTO - 487 P.C./	•		TIONAL VICTIM NAMED/	
	OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING			CHARGES FILED/PRELIM	=
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L-	FOOTHILL BOULEVARD EAST OF HAI	MPTON ROAD,	LA CA	NADA	
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D-,	BRITO, ISMAEL MH/39, BOOKING	#3323385			

VICTIMS

#1: WILLARD, DAVID M., DEPUTY SHERIFF, ET AL.
EMPLOYEE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

ADDITIONAL VICTIM

(#4 OF 4):

On 11-26-92, Homicide Investigators, R. Wachsmuth and P. Morgan were detailed to the location to handle the investigation regarding this incident.

Investigator Wachsmuth and Morgan were advised by the initial handling unit Deputies Houchens and Guevjehizian, Crescenta Valley Station patrol, of their initial findings. They stated that the Victims/Deputies Willard and Buss, while on routine patrol at location discovered a vehicle illegally parked. Upon further investigation by Willard and Buss they further determined that the vehicle, an '87 Nissan pickup, license was reported stolen. Almost immediately a '67 Ford, license pulled behind them containing two men. The driver identified himself as a "Good Samaritan" that was assisting the driver of the Nissan pickup, who had run out of gas.

As the Victims/Deputies approached the Ford, the passenger moved from the passenger's seat to the driver's seat and took control of the still running Ford. This individual (the defendant) attempted

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to flee resulting in the Ford striking Deputy Willard. Both deputies fearing the defendant was attempting to run over them, fired several rounds at the defendant who was now driving the Ford.

The Ford sped rearward for a distance, the defendant exited the car, but was apprehended without further incident.

Homicide Investigators Bice and Reyes investigated the scene and submitted a detailed report.

Deputies Willard and Buss were interviewed at Crescenta Valley Station. These interviews were tape recorded and made a permanent part of this file.

Victim , owner of the Ford, was also interviewed at Crescenta Valley Station and that interview was also tape recorded and made a permanent part of this file.

Department Criminalist, Crime Lab, responded and took measurements and photographs relevant to this investigation.

On 11-30-92, a criminal complaint was filed in Glendale Municipal Court where case number GA013536 was issued. Copy of this complaint is submitted.

On 12-10-92, a preliminary hearing was held in Glendale Municipal Court, Division 4, at which time Defendant Brito was held to answer on all of the charges filed.

BY: SERGEANT R. WACHSMUTH,
INVESTIGATOR P. MORGAN,
APPROVED: LIEUTENANT T. JOHNSTON
HOMICIDE BUREAU - DETECTIVE DIVISION

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MODEL				TYPE	TYPE Semi-auto pistol	
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- See Page #3 for additional evidence -

FIREARMS EXAMINER "JW" Whitmarsh	(58A)	SIGNATURE WORLD
EMPLOYEE NO.		DATE U January 14, 1993

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FIREARMS EXAMINER "JW" Whitmarsh

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Additional Evidence:

Items #1 thru #10 Ten envelopes each containing one expended 9 mm caliber cartridge case (Win).

Examination of the evidence described in this report revealed the following:

- The expended cartridge cases contained in Items #1 through #7 were fired in the Beretta pistol described on Page #1 of this report.
- The expended cartridge cases contained in Items #8, #9, and #10 were fired in the Beretta pistol described on Page #2 of this report.

"JW" Whitmarsh

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 12, 1993 FILE:

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FROM:

ROBERT J. CIULIK, CHIEF TO:

DETECTIVE DIVISION

SHERMAN BLOCK

SHERIFF

SUBJECT: LETTER OF OPINION ON DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING

A Letter of Opinion was received from the District Attorney's Office regarding the case involving Deputies William R. Buss, and David Willard,

STATION:

Crescenta Valley

DATE OF SHOOTING:

November 26, 1992

SUSPECT:

SH AD-539 (Rev. 3-87)

BRITO, Ismael MH/39

While checking an abandoned stolen vehicle under the 210 Freeway, deputies observed a good Samaritan returning to the car with the suspect and a gas can. During the investigation, the suspect used the good Samaritan's car to attempt to run over the deputies while trying to flee. Both deputies fired at the suspect, wounding him. He survived. Recovered in the stolen car were burglary tools, a ski mask and a starter pistol.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OPINION

"California law permits the use of deadly force in one's selfdefense or in the defense of another if it reasonably appears to the person claiming the right of self-defense or the defense of another that he actually and reasonably believed that he was in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death.

In protecting himself or another, a person may use all force which he believes reasonably necessary and which would appear to a reasonable person, in the same or similar circumstances, to be necessary to prevent the injury which appears to be imminent.

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When Deputy Buss saw the wheels of the Mustang spinning in place, and the front of the car facing him, he believed that Brito was about to run over him. This belief becomes all the more credible when considered in light of the fact that Buss had just jumped out of the way of being hit by the car, and had just seen his partner hit by the car door.

If one is confronted by the appearance of danger which arouses in his mind, as a reasonable person, an honest conviction and fear that he is about to suffer bodily injury, and if a reasonable person in a like situation seeing and knowing the same facts, would be justified in believing himself in like danger, and if the person so confronted acts in fear and honest conviction, his right of self-defense is the same whether such danger is real or merely apparent.

The use of deadly force is prohibited by anyone, including a police officer, against a fleeing felony suspect, unless the felony is of the violent variety, that is, a forcible and atrocious one which threatens death or serious bodily harm, or there are other circumstances which reasonably creates a fear of death or serious bodily harm to the officer or another.

If the suspect threatens the officer with a weapon or there is probable cause to believe he has committed a crime involving the infliction or threatened infliction of serious physical harm, deadly force may be necessary to prevent escape, and if where feasible, some warning has been given.

Here, the felony committed by Brito was grand theft of the pickup which is not a forcible or atrocious felony. However, here, there existed circumstances which created a fear of threatened death or serious bodily injury. The first circumstance occurred when Brito ignored Deputy Willard's commands to exit the car and, instead, drove the car forward directly toward Deputy Buss and Buss, and Willard all believed that Brito was going to hurt Buss and by either striking them with the Mustang or by trapping them between the Mustang and the patrol car.

The second circumstance occurred when, moments later, Brito ignored Willard, who pointed his gun in the open passenger door of the Mustang and ordered Brito to stop the car and get out. Instead, Brito put the car in reverse and caused the car door to hit Willard, nearly knocking him over. To all outward appearances Brito was a man who was going to do whatever was necessary to get away from the deputies.



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When Willard shot at Brito he had observed his threatening behavior toward Buss and and had been struck by the car door as Brito attempted to flee. Willard was attempting to stop Brito before he could threaten harm to anyone else.

For all of the forgoing reasons we find that actions of Deputies Buss and Willard are legally justified and accordingly, we will take no further action on this matter. Our file is now closed."



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTO EY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING 210 WEST TEMPLE STREET LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-3275 (213) 974-2339

GIL GARCETTI, DISTRICT ATTUMEY

January 29, 1993

Captain Donn P. Brooks Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department 211 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Captain Brooks:

Re: S..1.D. File No. 100-7450/92-0619 L.A.S.D. File No. 092-07949-0762-057

Our office has completed our review of the nonfatal shooting of Ismael Brito, age 39, by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies William R. Buss and David M. Willard on November 26, 1993

Deputy District Attorney Eloise G. Phillips and Senior Investigator Thomas Melbourn responded to the scene and were briefed by Sergeant Robert Wachsmuth of your department. We interviewed the good Samaritan witness to the shooting. We subsequently received and reviewed the 58-page report prepared by the Homicide Bureau of your department. We have concluded that we cannot prove that the actions of Deputies Buss and Willard were a violation of criminal law.

FACTUAL SUMMARY

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approached by a man (later identified as issued state) Brito tossed \$10.00 as he give him a lift because he (Brito) had run out of gas. Brito tossed
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got into red '67 Mustang.



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not only drove Brito to the gas station, but left his credit card as collateral for the gas can, and then paid \$3.80 for the gas. The then drove Brito back to his truck which had run out of gas and was parked under the freeway on Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada. As drove eastbound on Foothill, he saw a Sheriff's patrol car parked behind a pickup truck on the westbound side. Brito had already pointed out the pickup as being his truck, but then told to drive on when he saw the refused, made a U-turn, and pulled up about ten feet behind the patrol car. got out of his car, leaving the engine running, and approached Deputy William Buss who was standing between the two cars. Deputy David Willard was standing on the sidewalk. As was explaining to Buss that he had merely given Brito a lift for gas, Willard approached the side of the Mustang and opened the passenger door. the pickup had been stolen from the parking lot at Cocomo Unbeknownst to Joe's in Visalia the night before, at about 10:30 p.m. Buss patted down continued to question him regarding his involvment with the stolen pickup. Meawhile, Willard leaned into the car and repeatedly ordered Brito out. Instead of complying, Brito lunged over into the driver's seat and shifted the gear into drive. Despite the commands to get out and to stop, Brito drove the car forward toward put his hands out reflexively to stop the car; Buss jumped Buss and out into the street, pointed his handgun at Brito and told him, "Get out of the car." When the Mustang was approximately four feet from the patrol car, it stopped briefly then Brito put the car into reverse. As the car started moving backward quickly, Willard was hit by the open passenger door.

When Willard was hit, he started to loose his balance, but jumped out of the way and fired his gun at Brito six or seven times. When the Mustang stopped, Willard, assuming he had hit the suspect, ceased firing.

When Brito reversed the car, the rear of the car swerved in toward the curb, causing the front to face out toward the street. Upon seeing this, Buss, who was standing in the street, heard wheels spinning, as if "burning rubber." Fearing that Brito was about to put the car into drive and run over him, Buss fired three to four rounds at the suspect. When Buss realized the car was still going in reverse, he stopped firing and ran to the center island behind some pillars for cover.

Brito got out of the car when it came to a stop. He began running first on the sidewalk, then in the street, then back on the sidewalk, removing articles of clothing as he ran. He ultimately was found hiding in some bushes. Brito sustained a

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gusnshot wound to the right side of his abdomen. He was treated at Huntington Memorial Hospital then transferred to Los Angeles County Medical Center jail ward the same day.

LEGAL CONCLUSION

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Very truly yours,

GIL GARCETTI, District Attorney

FRANK E. SUNDSTEDT, Assistant District Attorney

By: Logu Tunon for

ELOISE G. PHILLIPS, Deputy District Attorney

cc: William R. Buss David M. Willard

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

	DATE MARCH 11, 1993	FILE NO. 092-07949-0762-057		
- _	ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A PEACE OFFICER - 245(3)(C) P.C.	Action Taken INACTIVE		
-	WILLARD, DAVID B. M/34 ET AL			
	BRITO, ISMAEL MH/39 (I/C)			

On 03-02-93, Defendant Brito pled guilty to 243(B) P.C. - Assault on a Peace Officer and 487(H) P.C. - Grand Theft Auto, in Pasadena Superior Court.

Court Case Defendant was sentenced to one year in County Jail with 3 years probation. All evidence held marked for disposal.

Case to stand inactive.

BY: SERGEANT ROBERT WACHSMUTH,
INVESTIGATOR PATRICK MORGAN,
APPROVED: LIEUTENANT THOMAS JOHNSTON
HOMICIDE BUREAU - DETECTIVE DIVISION

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